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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Human Resources Committee

Office of the Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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DIA Representative to the  
Human Resources Committee

FROM:

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Chairman, Human Resources Committee

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SUBJECT: Representation on the HRC Ad Hoc  
OSCOL Working Group

REFERENCE: DIA Memorandum of 19 July,  
same subject (C-40,352/DC-4)

1. I am gratified by the interest that HRC members are showing in the exploratory activities of the Committee's ad hoc working group on open source collection (OSCOL), and by the support that members are giving to the ad hoc group. As you know, the present working group is of a transient nature, with a fact-finding mission leading to the creation of a permanent HRC entity to address OSCOL topics appropriate for the interagency forum. My intent is that the working group will remain small and mobile in its data-gathering role, with variable representation depending on the inquiry at hand.

2. On the question of who is doing what and for whom in the OSCOL world, there appears to be less ambiguity about overseas collection than about acquisition, translation, processing, storage, retrieval, distribution and use of open source materials here in Washington. Consequently I have asked the working group to focus mainly on those activities, and to develop a set of "OSCOL Briefs" which describe and explain them.

3. At this time the working group (see Attachment A hereto) consists of five persons plus a staff coordinator from the HRC Secretariat. Since the group has only a temporary mission, and no representational responsibilities, we were able to use a functional,

rather than an organizational formula in selecting the initial persons for the task. I selected them on the basis of their knowledge about on-going acquisition, translation, abstraction, extraction, storage, retrieval and use of open source materials here in the United States. Working in combination with other program managers who may join the group for a particular discussion, they are collectively able to critique most of the Community activities that we have included in OSCOL.

25X1A 4. [ ] coming from the National Foreign Assessments Center (NFAC), is forming a "user task force", with representation from CIA, DIA and State/INR intelligence production offices, to examine the present state of exploitation of OSCOL products in the production of national intelligence. The findings of this task force undoubtedly will shape recommendations of the working group for subsequent consideration by the Human Resources Committee.

25X1A [ ] will be in touch with you soon to arrange appropriate DIA participation in this "user task force." In addition, the DoD CIRC system is being covered by [ ] the OSCOL aspects of the FSTC and NISC are being critiqued at this time through the assistance of HRC members [ ] and you are assisting [ ] to critique DoD OSCOL translation activities and Dr. Dodge to visit DoD libraries. On balance, it would seem that DoD members of the HRC are, or soon will be, participating fully in the activities of the working group.

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5. State, NSA and Army members of the HRC earlier requested that their organizations be represented on the ad hoc working group for reasons similar to the ones which you advanced. I resisted the organizational approach to staffing of the ad hoc unit for the reasons given above. These other members have indicated satisfaction with the rationale for that decision, and with the assurances given of opportunity for appropriate participation in the activities of the working group. I look to individual HRC members to guide and assist the working group personnel relative to departmental methods, procedures and protocol, and to bring to our attention any pertinent departmental activities that may have been overlooked. Hopefully this arrangement will be satisfactory to you also.

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